

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1                   1.       A fish and/or small game processing apparatus dependingly suspends a  
2 fish and/or small along an inclined supporting surface, the processing apparatus comprising  
3 in combination:

4                   a fillet board having a supporting surface elongated along a major axis and the  
5 supporting surface extending across the length of the fillet board parallel to a minor axis  
6 normal to the major axis;

7                   a loop mounted at one of the fillet board approximate the major axis for  
8 suspending the fish and/or small game by an appendage;

9                   apparatus for supporting the fillet board with the supporting surface upwardly  
10 exposed and the major axis in an inclined disposition with the loop at the upper end of the  
11 inclined fillet board, the supported fillet board having the supporting surface horizontally  
12 disposed relative to the minor axis when the fillet board is in the inclined disposition;

13                  whereby the fish and/or small game when suspended at the tail at the upper  
14 end of the fillet board from the loop disposes the body of the fish and/or small game along the  
15 major axis of the fillet board depending downwardly from the loop for support across the  
16 fillet board along the minor axis whereby the fish and/or small game is supported for  
17 processing.

1                   2.       The fish and/or small game supporting apparatus of claim 1 and  
2 wherein:

3                   the apparatus for supporting the fillet board in the inclined disposition is an A-  
4 frame.

1                   3.       The fish and/or small game supporting apparatus of claim 1 and  
2 wherein:

3                   the fillet board is a hollow sheet metal construction.

1                   4.       The fish and/or small game supporting apparatus of claim 1 and  
2 wherein:

3                   the fillet board defines a compartment for containing tools.

1                   5.       The fish and/or small game supporting apparatus of claim 2 and  
2 wherein:

3 the A-frame is hinged to the fillet board.

1 6. The fish and/or small game supporting apparatus of claim 5 and

2 wherein:

3 the A-frame opens at a fixed angle relative to the fillet board.

1 7. The fish and/or small game supporting apparatus of claim 1 and

2 wherein:

3 the loop is a rope.

1 8. The fish and/or small game supporting apparatus of claim 7 and

2 wherein:

3 the rope fastens to the fillet board at a notch.

1 9. The fish and/or small game supporting apparatus of claim 1 and

2 wherein:

3 the inclined disposition of the major axis exceeds 45 degrees.

1 10. The fish and/or small game supporting apparatus of claim 9 and

2 wherein:

3 the inclined disposition of the major axis exceeds 60 degrees.

1 11. The fish and/or small game supporting apparatus of claim 10 and

2 wherein:

3 the inclined disposition of the major axis is 75 degrees or greater.

1 12. A fish and/or small game processing technique comprising the steps of:

2 providing a fillet board having a supporting surface elongated along a major

3 axis and the supporting surface extending across the length of the fillet board parallel to a

4 minor axis normal to the major axis;

5 providing a loop mounted at one of the fillet board approximate the major axis

6 for suspending the fish and/or small game by an appendage;

7 supporting the fillet board with the supporting surface upwardly exposed and

8 the major axis in an inclined disposition with the loop at the upper end of the inclined fillet

9 board, the supported fillet board having the supporting surface horizontally disposed relative

10 to the minor axis when the fillet board is in the inclined disposition;

11                   suspending a fish and/or small game at the tail at the upper end of the fillet  
12 board from the loop to dispose the body of the fish and/or small game along the major axis of  
13 the fillet board depending downwardly from the loop for support across the fillet board along  
14 the minor axis; and,  
15                   processing from the appendage towards the lower part of the fish or small  
16 game to maintain the fish and/or small game on the supporting surface during processing.

1                   13.     The fish and/or small game processing technique according to claim 12  
2 comprising the further steps of:  
3                   cleaning the fish and/or small game from the tail towards the bottom of the  
4 supporting surface.

1                   14.     The fish and/or small game processing technique according to claim 12  
2 comprising the further steps of:  
3                   filleting a fish from the tail towards the head.

1                   15.     The fish and/or small game processing technique according to claim 12  
2 wherein the step of supporting their fillet board includes:  
3                   providing an A-frame hinged to the processing surface; and,  
4                   opening the A-frame to support to the processing surface in an angularly  
5 inclined disposition.

1                   16.     The fish and/or small game processing technique according to claim 12  
2 comprising the further steps of:  
3                   providing a rectilinear fillet board.